

•Rusty's Ramblings•

Wallingford Elementary School



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WES News

What Happened to Rusty?

By: Neel Parikh and Melina Ferraiolo

Many students at Wes were very concerned that our Rusty statue was missing. Why was he missing? What was he doing when he was away? Find out in this article all about our Rusty. Rusty was getting loose from his stand. Dr. Savage thought it would be unsafe. So he took it out and called a carpenter, to fix it, so he would be sturdy. The carpenter glued it down so it was strong and would not fall.

Fun fact: Rusty is over 20 years old!

Styrofoam Trays vs Reusable Trays

By: Neel Parikh and Melina Ferraiolo

Many students of Wes wonder if we should use reusable trays or styrofoam. Well each one has good things and bad things. For example reusable trays are great for the environment but some students throw the trays out and others must eat on them. There's a lot to be said for styrofoam trays they are easy for the lunch staff so they don't have to clean each tray but they are much worse for the environment as they cannot be decomposed. This is a debatable topic in Wes so what do you think about this subject in the lunchroom?



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Is Screen Time Good For You?

By: Martha Watson, staff writer, grade 4

How much is too much?

We think that more than 2 hours of screen time per day is considered bad and can lead to headaches and blurred vision (not including school screens).

How much is just right?

Educational screen time should be 30-60 minutes per day. Screen time at home should be 2 hours or less. On weekends and holidays about 3-4 hours per day is a reasonable amount.

How is screen time affecting our health?

Too much screen time can lead to sleep problems, neck and back problems, depression, anxiety and lower test scores in children.

Which games are appropriate for grades K-5?

Kahoot

Great app for quiz-based classroom games.

Quizlet

Word and definition matching, so it's very handy in vocabulary practice.

Gonoodle

Highly active games that are perfect for energizing classes and encouraging movement!

ABCya!

Is really the best for early to mid-elementary grades, and the games are super simple, and can practice specific skills.

Funbrain

It is a great teaching tool that includes math, reading, educational games, and videos. Children can build a great interest in engaging with materials.

What shows are appropriate to watch for each grade?

Kindergarten:

Ask the Storybots, Cocomelon, Sesame Street, Beat Bugs, Bluey, Bubble Guppies, and Odd Squad.

1st grade:

The Magic School Bus, Our Planet, Super Why, Wild Kratts, Octonauts, Little Einstein, and Super Monsters.

2nd grade:

Daniel Tiger, Peppa Pig, Paw Patrol, Blippi, and Mickey Mouse.

3rd grade:

Sofia the First, Doc McStuffins, Dinosaur Train, Brown and Friends, Number Blocks, and Reading Rainbow.

4th grade:

Avatar, Junior Baking Show, Is It Cake, If I Were An Animal, and Jurassic Park.

5th grade:

Brainchild, Phineas and Ferb, Teenage Ninja Turtles, Bill Nye the Science Guy, Carmen Sandiego, Maya and the Three, and Unicorn Academy.

How should we find balance between screen time play and other activities?

Make a list of other activities so your family doesn't rely on screens. Include outdoor activities, playing, and reading in your family's daily routine.

Here are some tips:

1. Set limits on your screen time
2. Take breaks from screen time throughout the day
3. Avoid using screens in bed
4. Be mindful of your screen use

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Will Schoology Change Learning?

By: Benjamin Greco, Literature Editor in 4th grade

Do you like using Google Classroom? Because, schoology is about to change learning! Many people are happy about this change to schoology, but a lot of people are against it.

Charlotte Thomson and Jake Hodges Sam Patterson like google classroom and do not want to change. They want schoology for ELA and Writing blocks, but google classroom for math and anything else.

Those of you who don't know what Schoology is, it is a new website for learning like google classroom that soon every teacher will use. Some teachers are already using schoology like our librarian Ms. Chafetz. Possibly your teacher is already handing out assignments.

Eshaan Giri in fourth grade was interviewed about what he thinks about switching to Schoology. He says he kind of preferred google classroom but Schoology is more organized. He says if we did switch to schoology, he would want all school activity like P.E. or Girls On The Run to be on too. Overall, Eshaan thinks Schoology is better for learning!

In conclusion, if you think google classroom is fun, you might be a little disappointed about the switch to schoology, but some people are really excited! People all around our school will be using schoology to do work. (If you ask me, I prefer google classroom!) Everyone can have an opinion on this! But, I'm a little curious. Which do YOU prefer?

Interview: Christian Lorch

By Ana Lorch, Student Writer, 3rd Grade

Q: What class are you in? A: I am in Mrs. McGaffin's 5th grade class.

Q: What is your favorite food? A: My favorite food is buffalo wings because I Like the spice and the chicken.

Q: What is your favorite drink? A: My favorite drink is Fanta Orange because it is soda and my opinion is that orange sodas taste the best.

Q: What is your favorite subject in school? A: My favorite subject in school is math because of the things you can do with algebra and variables.

Q: What book are you reading? A: Spy School at Sea because I like how the author writes suspenseful novels.

Q: Do you play an instrument? If so, what is it? A: I play the clarinet in the W.E.S. band because my dad played clarinet when he was in school.

Q: What is your favorite sport? A: Basketball because it is a very fun sport because it can go back and forth very quickly.

Q: Who is your favorite basketball player? A: Damian Lillard because he can shoot the ball well and is on a good team.

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Photographs by Jack Joyner



Jack Healey, Ms. Brown's class



Ms. Diamond and Mr. Bobby

People Around The School.

By Jack Joyner, Staff writer, 4th grade

I take photographs. I want you to see people helping or supporting kids around the school. The people who help you everyday and I think we should appreciate them. Thank you for reading this.



Art People Made Around The School

By Jack Joyner, Staff writer, 4th grade

People make amazing art every day. People make art for the school to! Art is amazing and you can make it to. Share your amazing art with people no matter what don't stop making art! You are amazing and unique. Also if you see people making good art tell them to share it or people making art for the school thank them! Thank you for reading this page.

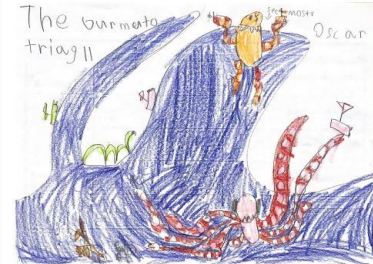
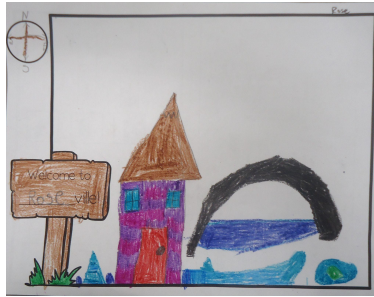
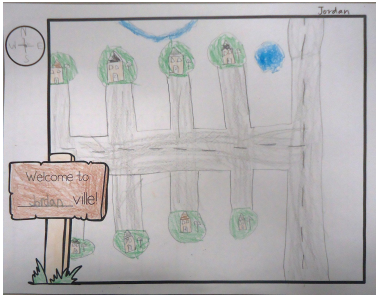


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Maps

Some of the first graders in Mrs. Kaplan's class have created some maps that they wanted to showcase to the school. Here's how some of them have turned out!

Maps by:
Jordan Ferns
Rose Larmour
Luke Kiefer
Tim Feldser
Oscar Egan



Art by 1st grade



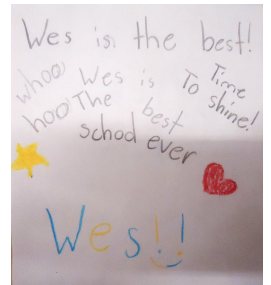
By Cameron Flannery



By Audrey Choi

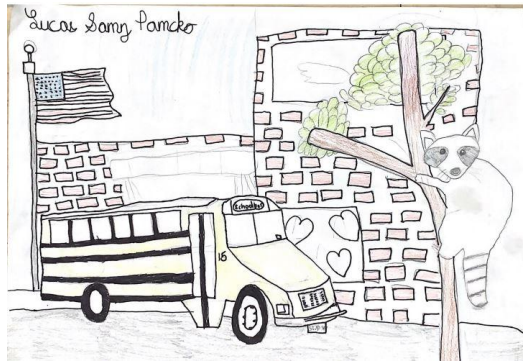
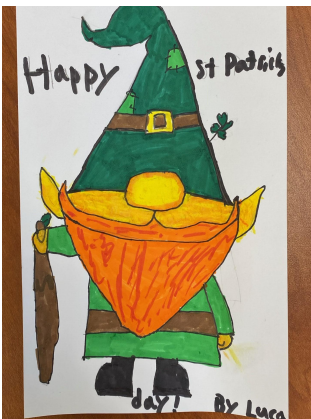


Art by 2nd grade



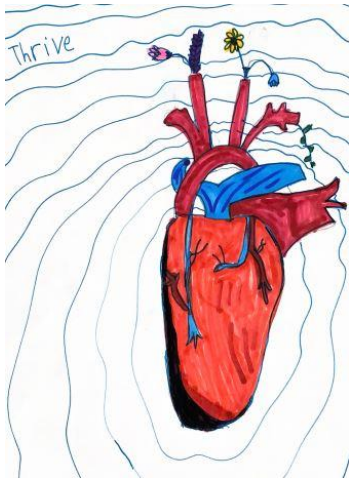
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Art by 3rd grade



Art by 4th grade

Art by 5th grade



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Sophia Zhao

By Maggie Fleming, Staff Writer

I recently interviewed a third grade artist on all of the amazing art she did. Let's see what she said!

Q: What is your favorite thing about art?

A: Making it look good and at the end when I get to show it off.

Q: Did you have any inspiration for these pieces?

A: I thought it would be nice for people to see.

Q: Where do you usually go for inspiration?

A: I go outside a lot. I like to play outside a lot and I like to draw flowers that I see.

Q: Where do you usually start when you are drawing something?

A: I usually start at the easiest spot and then move to the hardest.

Q: How long does it take to finish a drawing

A: It depends on how complicated it is.

Q: How do you feel when you are drawing?

A: If I'm in a bad mood, I draw. But I'm mostly in a good mood. I feel really happy when I draw.

Thank you Sophia!
You are an amazing artist!



Lunar New Year



Arctic Husky



Orchid

•WES Poetry•

“My Imaginary World”

By Aamira Bradwell, student writer, Grade 5

In my Imaginary World,
People to go to the shore,
I want everyone to feel
Like they deserve a good meal.
I don't want people to shed a tear
But rather have them cheer.

In my Imaginary World,
They don't need to trap their emotions,
Because of a revolution.
Although sometimes you feel out of control.
I want them know that they can relax
and grab the remote.

In my Imaginary World,
Once the time comes,
It comes,
Don't try to ignore it,
Don't try to annoy it.
Everyone is good never bad,
So you don't need to feel like you are being
Grabbed.

Everyone is happy and healthy.
Now I must go to put on another show.
This is my imaginary world.

“Springtime”

By: Elizabeth Gaffney, student writer, grade 3

Sunny days start now
Peeping animals waking up
Rainy clouds over head
In the spring the the flowers bloom
No snow anymore
Get free Rita's Water Ice on the first day of
Spring
To get some other yummy treats
I love it, maybe you do to
More daylight every day
End of winter start of spring



•WES Poetry•

“Seasons”

By Annie Homberger, staff writer, grade 4

A tree sits by itself
In a snowy meadow.
The ground is cold,
The air is crisp,
And the sun is well missed.

The pond is frozen where birds would have fished,
But every animal is on their own winter trip.
But don't you worry one bit,
Seasons will come and go,
One day there will be no more snow.

One day the ground will become moist,
The air will have a slight breeze,
And all the birds will fly back to their trees, the sun
Shall stop playing hide and seek,
And come out and see all the blossoms everywhere
Because every season shall have their fair share
Of the whole world,
Out there.

These seasons will come and go,
but hopefully you Won't too,
Because no matter the scene, these seasons mean alot
To me,
And maybe even to you.
So whatever you decide to do,
You'll know that these seasons won't wait for you.
So take it or leave it all behind,
But sooner or later, the tree's will start losing their
Leaves,
And before you know it it will be winter again.

These are the seasons, they come, and they go.
Once there is snow and then there are flowers,
Leaves off their trees with a cool autumn breeze,
Then it repeats.
Enjoy it while it lasts because the seasons come and
To.
They wait for no one,
Not even the flowers and the snow.



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Love That Pup

By Martha Watson, staff writer, grade 4

Love that pup
Like a fish loves to swim
I said I love that pup
Like a fish loves to swim
Love to pet her in the morning love to call her,
“Hey there Lady!”

Inspired by Walter Dean Myers



Drawing by: Anonymous

“Winter”

By Christian Lorch, student writer, grade 5

*The snow falls hard
Children say “Yay!”
They laugh and play throughout the Day.
They have snowball fights jumping Making snow
angels,
And then going sledding.
They go inside,
To get cleaned off,
And sit by the fire,
All warm and cozy and ready for a Treat
Drinking hot chocolate.
And that is the true
Meaning of Winter.*



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“By The Sea”

By Sabrina Allsman, student writer, grade 4

By the sea
I want to go,
By the sea
Where the seagulls swing,
By the sea
Where I can sing
By the the sea
Will you come with me?



“Nightingale”

By Grace Diamond-George, student writer, grade 4

Nightingale
Fly with the moon and stars
Nightingale
Sing with the sun
Nightingale
Cry over the moors
Until the day is done.

Sing with the stars
Fly with the moon
Cry over the moors
Nightingale
You will be alone
Forever move.



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“IN MY WORLD”

By: Kenzo Peki, student writer, grade 5

Today, I fell off a tree,
Then I scraped my knee.
Then got stung by a bee.

So I close my eyes
In my world I can fly.
I won't die
I won't cry.

The people are hardworking
And no one is lurking
In the dark.

In my world there is no war,
No guns
And everyone is having fun.

In my world there is peace in the east,
The north,
The south
And the west.
The whole world is the best.

That is my world but
And I feel my feet again
Then I realize I am back in reality
And I realize I'm okay.

“School World”

By: Aristoteles Reo, student writer, 5th grade

After school
I'm exhausted
So I go to bed and
I close my eyes.
And start to dream.

In my world
We have the right to feel safe
And strong.
Children can be happy
And excited but sad at times .
There's NO littering and fighting.
Then I woke up.

It is the next day and it is
Time to go to school.
I eat breakfast.
Daring it I think about
My world.
At school I'm happy
And
All day I think about
My world.



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Guess the Rhyming Words!

Directions: think of a rhyming word to go with each sentence.

Example: Sally thinks it is fun to ____! The answer is.. Run.

1st: It is time for Bob to go to his _____.

2nd: The mail man Pat, left the package on the door _____.

3rd: My teacher has a special nook for if you want to read a _____.

4th: The farmer had a cow who after he was done dancing, knew _____, to _____!

5th: After I was done with my first serving I asked for _____.



Photo by Jack Joyner

Word Box

How

More

Job

Mat

Bow

Book

•WES Poetry•

Adeline Allan

By Martha Watson, staff writer, grade 4

Q: Why do you like poetry?

A: “It reminds and it sounds and makes me feel different ways through different poetic devices. For example, When words rhyme, it makes me feel calm or relaxed.”

Q: What makes you a good poet?

A: “I know lots of rhyming words and can stay on topic easily.”

Q: Who is your favorite poet and why?

A: “I really like Robert Frost. He pictures things in different ways and he uses detailed words and he makes me feel good.”

Q: What are your ideas and inspiration?

A: “I get it from a picture or a book and imagine things and it really helps me guide my way so I can make it into poetry.”

Q: Who did you look up to for poetry?

A: “I look up to Mrs. Berman, 4th grade teacher because she understood my poetry and helped me make it better with detailed words. She also helped me make a mental movie in my head for the poetry.”

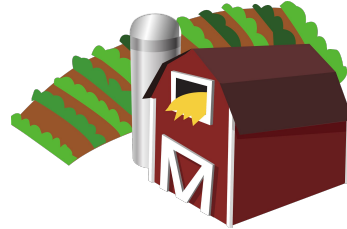


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A Day With Farmer Amelia

By Amelia Hall, Student Writer, 2nd Grade



The sunrise was bright. I felt Sammy, my farm cat purring by my side. She always knows when it's time to go and milk Cici, my Jersey cow.

I got out of bed and opened the door slowly. The rays of sun on my skin felt so relaxed. Then I walked over to the outdoor table near the fence and ate breakfast. Whiskey, my rooster, was sitting on one of the fence posts asleep. I yelled at him, "Bock bock!"

Whiskey woke up immediately. I smiled and thought, "Who's the rooster now?"

Next, I walked over to Cici's pen and opened the gate. Cici was eating grass. She looked up at me and mooed. Cici looked like someone took a thick paintbrush flicked it at a white paper, then wrapped it around Cici. I took the water bucket and walked over toward the tool shed with the bucket in my hand. I filled the bucket with the water from the tap. Cows can almost drink a bathtub of water a day. I grabbed a bucket and ran over to Cici's pen and I opened the gate. I squatted down and called Cici's name so I could milk her. Cici came running towards me with her calf Maya. Cows need to have had a calf to make milk. I milked Cici. Cows need to get milked twice a day so they don't get sick. I went back to the farm house to get tested. The milk was good to go to the dairy farm.

I brought it to the cooling truck. The truck will take it to the dairy farm. At the dairy farm they test it again. Just to make sure. Then they do pasteurization and homogenization. Pasteurization is when they boil the milk to kill all of the germs in the milk. Homogenization is when they mix the milk to separate the cream from the milk.

Finally, I got back to the farm before dusk and got the eggs from the chicken coop. I also picked the fruit for tomorrow's breakfast as well.

Then I called for Rover, my sheepdog, to gather all the sheep back to the sheep barn. The sheep barn is where the sheep stay over when storms come or when they sleep at night.

I went to the horse meadow to get the horses back into their stalls. I have two horses, Izzy and Mia. They are twins. I refilled there bucket of water, the food bucket was still full enough to leave it one more night.

I walked over to the tool shed. Grabbed the broom and swept the dust and dirt off a dusty path. I was so tired I went straight to bed after eating a quick dinner.

•WES Literature•

The Mouse and the Cat

By Maggie Pursley & Maria Calabretti, Student Writers,
3rd Grade

Once upon a time there was a mouse and a cat. The cat's name was Pickles 2.0. The mouse was named Cheese. They were bad enemies. They did not like each other. The cat's owner was always gone or on a business trip. They always scratched each other when they fought (well mostly the mouse got scratched).

One day, the cat snuck out and the mouse followed the cat. The cat went all the way to the backyard. The mouse followed. But Pickles 2.0 only went to the backyard to sunbathe. Cheese decided to sunbathe with Pickles 2.0. Once Pickles 2.0 woke up he saw Cheese on his belly, and he squeaked out a smile.

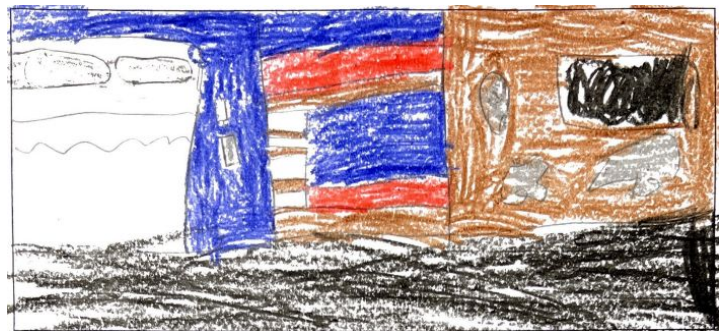
When Cheese woke up and saw that the cat was gone, Cheese was worried so he went off to go look for him. He looked all around the city but didn't find him. He got even more worried. After a few weeks they found each other and became best friends forever!!!!!!!!!!

The End!

Going To Great Wolf Lodge

By Jackson Forwood, Student Writer, 1st Grade

On Saturday, I was going to Great Wolf Lodge. First, we were in the check in line. After that, we saw a bowling alley. We played bowling. I was in second place. At last, we ate lunch. We had pizza. It was yummy. And we saw a water park. Me and my Dad went on the biggest water slide. It was so fun. But I hope I can go to Great Wolf Lodge again.



•WES Literature.

The Sleepover

By Tess Flanigan, Grade 4, Staff writer



It was a dark and stormy night, Three Girls were having a slumber party. They were at Sophie's house. Sophie's parents weren't home, The girls were playing truth or dare. Joise asked Mia "truth or dare?"

Mia responded, " uhm, what's a dare?"

Sophie sighed, while josie explained the game. " I SAID I WANTED DARE"

Mia responded. Mia did the dare they told them.

After that, They decided to watch a scary movie. It was about a a girl named lily, and a dark stormy night, with a creepy witch. The movie was called "Witches hour." The Girls screamed when they heard the thunder in the movie and around their house. " I'm bored! Can we play hide 'n' seek?"

They agreed and they did a race to see who is it. Josie fell down so she was it.

Then, She counted in the dark room. " One, t-two, t-three"

She continued to count. While Mia and Sophie were finding spots to hide. But then, Mia was rushing to find a spot. " T-twenty, T-twenty-o-one"

Josie was still counting with fear. " UHM I THINK WE ARE READY"

screamed sophie wanting to get this round over with. " NO I'M NOT DONE"

said Mia. Then she finished counting. " READY OR NOT HERE I COME!" shouted Joise.

Then, she was looking around. " Behind the couch?

No, Behind the table?" Joise found sophie and they yelled " YOU WON MIA!!! COME OUT"

Mia didn't come out. They looked around some more. They became worried, " THIS ISN'T FUNNY COME OUT"

yelled Joise. But then, They heard something. Perhaps like an loud bang, they also heard a evil laugh. They went down to the basement it was an old basement.

They heard the evil laugh again. " u-uhm why is sound louder?"

asked Joise they looked around more, they heard evil laughing and loud knocks. " I KNOW WHERE THE NOISE IS COMING FROM" said Shopie while she pointed at the box. They did ROCK PAPER SCISSORS. Joise won, So Sophie went to open it. Click! " IT TOOK YOU GUYS LONG ENOUGH!"

she yelled while she was watching witches hour. " Wait, so the evil laughing was coming from your Phone?"

asked Shopie. " Duh, and i was waiting so long i was hitting the box." respond Mia. " OHHHH"

said Sophie and Josie. They explained what was happening in their minds when this was happening. They laugh so hard they were crying.

•WES Literature.

Witches Hour

By Adeline Keller, Staff Writer, grade 4

It was a dark and stormy night and a young girl named Lily hid under her covers in horror. BOOM! A loud bolt of lightning had crashed on a tree. CRACK! Lily knew she was in for a long night. It all started when she was in her bed, listening to the crashing waves on the beach, and rain pouring down on the ground hard.

She waited and waited for her parents to say goodnight, but they never showed up. Lily didn't want to go to sleep, and she felt as if someone was watching her.

She decided to get out of bed and see where her parents were. CREAK

She slowly went down the stairs. The lights were off and she heard deep laughs, but she just kept telling herself she was safe and probably hallucinating. But was she?

She felt a small tap on her shoulder and whipped around. She saw a young witch who told her "don't worry, I'm a good witch. I won't hurt you."

Lily felt relieved. The witch spoke again, "You shouldn't be out at a time like this."

Lily was confused,

and then asked "Why?"

The witch said, "Tonight, all the evil witches will come to have a party. It contains deadly potions, they're everywhere. The only safe place is in your bed"

Lily ran to her room, and that's when she saw a small animal. She came closer, "What are you?"

She asked patiently waiting for a response. The small animal spoke loud and clear " I am rusty the racoon. I came here from Wallingford, and I represent the best school district there."

"Really? I'm moving to Wallingford next month for my parents' new jobs."

Rusty began to speak again, "I'm happy to say that you will be in a respectful, responsible, helpful, and safe environment."

Lily wasn't as nervous now. She went into her bed and fell fast to sleep as rusty disappeared and returned to Wallingford Elementary School where Lily would soon be.



• WES Literature •

The Baseball Curse Part 1

By Benjamin Greco, Literature Editor, 4th Grade

Robby Peters



It was an ordinary summer day in Los Angeles, California. A young kid named Robby was playing catch with his older brother, Stanley. “The ball is going back,”

Robby said, “Way back! To the track! To the wall! AND ROBBY PETERS MAKES THE CATCH! What a grab!”

Robby loved playing baseball with his brother. But he was never on a real team. After rolling just a few ground balls to each other, his Dad came rushing out like his pants were on fire. “I just got a raise at work!”

he exclaimed, “I pulled together enough money to buy three tickets to the game on Sunday!”

Robby looked like he swallowed a whole chocolate cake. “No way!”

he screamed “I can’t wait!”

“Oh but you’ll have to.”

His Dad said, “Sunday’s in five days”

Stanley and Robby’s jaws dropped to the ground. They just had to wait. The next day, Robby told his best friend Roger about the tickets. “You’re so lucky dude.”

Roger said sounding jealous. Roger is the jokester of the sixth grade. “I have only been to the ballpark what, a million times!”

Roger was laughing, but Robby just rolled his eyes. “I just wish I didn’t have to wait so long.” He said. “Don’t worry.”

Roger said, “Time will fly like a fly ball.”

Roger was right. The next five days went by very quickly. Before Robby knew it, he was in the parking lot at Dodger Stadium! With a hot dog in his right hand and a lemonade in his left, his Dad, Stanley, and him piled into their seats. Game on. The first innings went by quickly. But in the seventh, with a runner on second, the batter hit a missile to left field. Robby couldn’t believe it. The ball was headed right toward him! It flew right toward his right eye! Within a second, Robby had a... glowing eye? Yes. Of course he had a black eye, but you could see the red stitching from the baseball where it had hit. And it was glowing! Before anyone could say anything, a glow of blue light from the crowd was headed toward him. Suddenly, the sounds of cheers and chants from the crowd were sucked inside the stitch mark. The mark glowed bright blue this time. He didn’t know what to say.

The next day, Stanley and Robby played catch. “Quite a game huh?”

Stanley asked, “Yep.”

Robby said, he was so confused about the stitch mark. Stanley passed him the baseball. Robby was about to throw it back when the stitch mark glowed again. The glow sucked into his arm. Suddenly, the baseball went firing back to Stanley at top speed. Stanley fell back into the bushes. “What just happened?”

Stanley said slowly, “Where did you learn to throw like that?” “I don’t know.” Robby stammered, “Well it was amazing!”

Stanley screamed, “You could play for the Dodgers!”

As soon as he said that they stared at one another. Then, they ran.

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The Baseball Curse Part 2

By Benjamin Greco, Literature Editor, 4th Grade

They arrived at Dodger stadium in a few minutes. They lived really close to it. They went around back and knocked on the door. A old man wearing a dodgers bucket hat answered. "No visiting batting practice."

he said in a grumpy voice, "No! You don't understand!"

Stanley stammered, "This kid can play in the major leagues!"

He pointed at Robby. The old man stared at Robby's baseball stitch mark. "Young man what is that on your head?"

He said in a rather quiet voice, "I'm actually still trying to figure out what it is,"

explained Robby, "At first I thought it was just a scar, but now it seems to give me power or something"

The old man did not look convinced at all. "Show me."

he said tossing him a baseball. Stanley grabbed his glove and played as Robby's catcher. "Come on throw it right here Robby!"

Stanley cheered. Once again, a small blue glow appeared in the air above Stanley and Robby's stitch mark glowed bright blue again. The stitch mark actually said exactly what Stanley said when they glow reached him. Then, in a flash, his arm glowed again, and fired the ball in. "What in the world of Dodger Dogs was that?"

He almost screamed, "That sir,"

Stanley said, "was Robby Peters."

Twenty minutes later, Robby was meeting the Dodgers. He was finally meeting all his favorite players. "All right time for batting practice!"

yelled Coach Anderson, the manager of the team. "Starters first!"

"What about the kid?"

Yelled shortstop Dan Rockins, "Yeah let the kid go first!"

exclaimed Center Fielder Pat Garlen "Oh all right."

Grumbled Coach Anderson. Robby's whole body quivered. He couldn't bat in front of pro ballplayers. He stepped up to the plate of Dodger Stadium. There were already news cameras all around him. All the channels he watches on when he watches sports. ESPN, NBC, FOX, CBS, and MLB network. And now he was on them! He was super scared now. Everyone in the ballpark was talking. The pitcher was about to throw the ball. He gulped, then the pitch. Everyone was cheering him on. And once again, the glow appeared above the players, and into the stitch mark. Both of his arms glowed even his bat glowed. The pitch came in. BOOM! The ball soared clear into the stands! Now everyone was silent. Even Robby. Nobody knew what to say. Except Coach Anderson. "Where did you come from kid?"

He practically whispered, "My family lives a few blocks down from here."

Robby replied, "I could take you there!"

The next day, he was signing a contract with the Dodgers! During practices, he discovered the stitch mark also improved fielding, and working out. Or any other thing baseball related. He also found out whenever a crowd cheers at a ballgame or practice, it energizes his stitch mark! At his first game, he played right field. He made two amazing catches! He dropped one though, and a run scored. When the crowd booed, his stitch mark turned red. And he felt a little weaker. This made him find out that booing decreases power. In the last inning, he was up. A home run won it. The crowd was cheering. His stitch mark glowed. His arm tingled. The pitch. A DEEP DRIVE! DOWN THE LINE AND... GONE! THE DODGERS WIN!"

His season was off to a great start! He went on to the playoffs and ended up playing right field and pitcher. He was an amazing player. The Dodgers went to the world series for the first time in 15 years! He was the closing pitcher in game seven. Let's see what happened. "2-2 pitch with two outs. Robby delivers. SWING AND A MISS! HE IS OUT! THE DODGERS HAVE WON THE WORLD SERIES!"

Robby was dog piled on the mound! He saw Roger and Stanley watching in the seats. He had done it lived his dream with the stitch!



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How Rusty Came to WES

By: Roxy and Alexis, student writers

Once upon a time, Rusty and his friends were playing hide and seek. Owl said, “squirrel you are so good at counting so you should count first”

So, all the animals ran off to hide. Squirrel counted “1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 ready or not here I come!”

Meanwhile Rusty was hiding in a bush, CRASH! He fell out and discovered a new place! “ hey guys, come here.”

All the animals walked over, they couldn't believe their eyes, they saw the most amazing thing! It was a tall building and it said on the front, WALLINGFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. IT looked so cool and fun!

First, Rusty and his friends went to the playground, and they had SO much fun playing on the swings and, the rock wall!

Next, all the animals went to the cafeteria. There they found tasty treats like hot dogs, and and chicken nuggets. After finishing their delicious food, they all went to the library. Mrs. Chafetz, the librarian gave each animal a nonfiction book about themselves.

After the library, the animals raced into Mrs. Gaur’s classroom to do yoga. During the yoga session owl bumped his head on the ceiling and needed to go to the nurse’s office. When the office staff saw them, the staff said that Rusty should be the WES mascot and Dr. Savage agreed.

So now Rusty is at WES proudly being Wallingford Elementary School’s mascot, and that’s how rusty become the WES mascot.



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SHARK!

By Adeline Keller, staff writer, grade 4

Once upon a time, there was a boy named David he loved to swim. One day he went to a beach nearby his house, by himself. He dived into the water and was having fun swimming with his friends. They were splashing and even looking at seashells. Twenty minutes later all his friends went to go get their goggles. David decided to go get his surfboard until his friends came back from their houses. He went back in the water and thought he saw a fin, he decided to ignore it. Until something bumped his board, again thinking it was probably just water, so he got ready for the next wave. Then he saw it he trembled “Um what is th-that, SHARK!”

And then, “SPLASH!” out came a beautiful dolphin! He ran home to tell his mother what he had saw, but he saw his friends and hung out with them instead, they looked at the dolphin until the sun set. Then he went home and had a good night sleep.

The Last Day Of School

By: Tess Flanigan, Staff Writer, Grade 4

It was the last day of school! I was so pumped! I couldn't even stop thinking of the vacation I was going on. “Hey Leo, Where are you going?” Stacy was saying before I interrupted her “FLORIDA!!!” I yelled with joy. Stacy laughed. “Well you must be ready for the test then” said Stacy “Yeah, Of course I'm ready” I wasn't ready for the test at all. After that, Stacy and I went to period 3. Then, we took the test. “Psst stacy, what's the answer to question 1?” I whispered “Time's up everyone! We should be passing our test forward now!” said Mrs. Thomas. I just guessed and Guessed for the answers but the time I finished every kid was out of the room. But the one person who wasn't was Mrs. Thomas, “Can I speak with you for a second?” I came over and said “UM HELLO MY FAVORITE TEACHER, WHAT DID I DO???????” she said “Shhhhhh,” and she said “I don't know how to say this but, You failed you test. And the only option is summer school here.” I sighed and said “Which week?” she show me the paper. It read, “Attention parents your student had trouble with Math and is going to need to go to Summer school on June 17.” I explained I couldn't since I had vacation but she said “You will have to repeat 8th grade if you don't go.” I couldn't believe this! I had to think quick. “Well, um bye.” I said while she smiled and waved goodbye. I told my parents all about what happened and she told me “Well, It's your fault you didn't study” Then, My mom called me and said, “I'm sooo sorry but the vacation is actually next week on June 28” I was so happy I jumped for joy! Not only I didn't miss the vacation, I wasn't going to retake 8th grade.

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Popular School Sports

Soccer

By Scarlett Lipke Staff Writer, Editor and chief, grade 5

We interviewed two 5th graders Charlotte Thomson and Jake Hodges. People look forward to it. There is competition. Everyone gets better at soccer. You can socialize more. It brings a lot of joy to people at recess. The field isn't always wet but we are never aloud to be on it. Lots of people have friends and no one is alone. Everyone is happy that kickball is not on the field anymore. There are way to many people who play soccer. They think we have to split classes for teams and the teachers shouldn't take out everyone's soccer and only one person. People should pass the ball to more people. We need a new ref. The ref never plays by the rules and is not strict about the rules enough. We need higher fences because the ball goes over too much.

Football at WES

By Benjamin Greco, Literature Editor, 4th grade

I interviewed two people about their opinions about football and how you play the game. The first person I interviewed is a 4th grader named Luca Frattaroli. I asked him 5 questions about what he thinks about the game.

I first asked him what the key to winning a football game is. Luca responded having good sportsmanship. Then, I asked him what 1 word to describe football is. Luca said intense. The third question I asked Luca is how would you rank yourself, , Luca replied 8 out of 10. I also asked Luca what he thought of the Turkey Bowl. Luca responded he thought it was amazing when quarterback Beau Berenstain threw the game tying catch to end the game to running back Benjamin Greco. The last question I asked him was his secret to playing so good. Luca said practicing every day! Thank you Luca!

The next person I interviewed was another 4th grader is named Beau Berenstain. I asked him the same 5 questions I asked Luca. The first, which was the key to winning a football game he respond with a positive attitude. The second question, was 1 word to describe football, he said fun. The third one, was where he thought he was ranked. He replied 7.5. The fourth, was what he thought of the Turkey Bowl. He simply said it felt good. The fifth and final question which was the secret to playing so good, his is having fun and being happy! Thank you Beau!

Football is a great opportunity to have fun! Thousands of people play all around the country! Sports can be great exercise, and great fun! People everywhere play sports! But football is America's number 1 rated sport! Maybe you play football too!

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Gaga Ball

By Benjamin Greco, Staff Writer in 4th grade

Do you like playing gaga ball at recess? Then this article is for you! I interviewed a 4th grader who plays gaga ball to see what they think about the game! Her name is Kamille Gordy. I first asked her when did she start playing. She said she has been playing since first grade!

Next, I asked Kamille What does she really like about the game. She said playing with her friends. Third, I asked where she ranks herself out of 10. She says an 8! I also asked what makes a good player. Kamille said Having good sportsmanship, and playing by the rules.

Overall, Kamille says she likes everything about gaga ball! So if you play gaga, maybe you could take these tips. Have sportsmanship, play by all of the rules no matter what, but most importantly, have fun!

Kickball

By Adeline Keller, staff writer, grade 4

Recently, Tess and I interviewed Luke Larmour and Liam Shea. A few similarities are that both players recommend kickball and think that it's fun because of friends and the team spirit. They also both have fun kicking and catching, though both prefer kicking.

Our next question was if they have a nickname. Luke says people call me 'Luke the Nuke' while Liam said he has no nickname. They also both consider themselves as good players. They both agree that Mrs. B. helps kickball be fair. Over all they both agree that kickball is a fun and recommended sport.

Premier League News Update

By Charles Nicholson, Student Writer, Grade 3

The Premier League is one of the most watched leagues in the world. So far Liverpool has the most points, but Arsenal has the best 3 games. The table is turning so much.

Pep Lijnders has said he is hopeful Mohamad Salah will be fit for the league cup final against Chelsea, but said his participation remains in doubt. Mikel Arteta has said that his team (Arsenal) needs to learn how to be "tricky" and "streetwise" in certain situations following Arsenal's champions league first leg defeat to Porto on February 21.

Mat Turner the rising star goalie in the Premier League is not doing good with only 1 clean all season.

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NHL News Update

By Patrick O'Reilly, Student Writer, Grade 3

We all know the stadium series at MetLife stadium was a blast. The Devils beat the Flyers 6-3 and the Rangers and Islanders go to overtime and have an exciting game as the Rangers win 6-5. What a blast on February 17, and 18. On Wednesday, February 21 the Bruins topped the Oilers in overtime after blowing a 3 point lead and on the same day the Flyers Travis Konecny extended his 7 point streak in the Flyers win against the Blackhawks. As the trade deadline is also March 8 Matthews becomes the fastest player in the U.S. born player to score 50 goals in a single season. The Calgary Flames dealt Nikita Zadorov to the Vancouver Canucks in November, then moved Elias Lindholm there on the final day of January.

The Maple Leafs got Lyubushkin from the Ducks in a threeway deal. Kaprizov had another great game as he scored his 3rd hat trick of the season in a wild win. The Jets also rally in the 3rd period again and defeat the Sabres. Quick also signs a 1 year contract on 3-3 with the Rangers. Panthers also show off their playoff atmosphere in win vs Red Wings.

MLB News Update

By Oliver Davis, Student Writer, Grade 3

Baseball is a great sport and there is some news you need to know about! Shohei Ohtani got signed to the Dodgers for \$680M because his contract expired. That's a lot of money right?

The Phillies first spring training is underway and they played the Toronto Blue Jays for their first game. Kolby Allard got signed to the Phillies for \$172M. The Cubs and White Sox play Friday. The Dodgers did great for their first season, beating the Padres 14-1 on 2-22, it was a blow out.

The Atlanta Braves traded Justin Upton to the San Diego Padres for Max Fried, Dustin Peterson and Mallex Smith. The Chicago White Sox traded Chris Sale to the Boston Red Sox for Luis Alexander Basabe, Michael Leopcach, Yoam and Victor Diaz. The Miami Marlins traded Christin Yelch to the Milwaukee brewers for Luis Brinson, Isan Diaz, Monte Harrison and Jordan Yamante. Yamamoto from Japan got signed to the Dodgers for \$325.

The biggest trades in MLB 2024 are Liam Hendriks, Jorge Solem, Corbin Burnes, Jorrge Polanco, Josh Hader, Jordan Hicks, Marcos Storeman, and Shota Imanage.

The Texas Rangers won the 2023 world series. Yamanoto from Japan got his first start for spring training, but sadly they lost 3-6.

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2024 Top 5 Ranked Major League Baseball Rookies

By Luca Casey, Student Writer, Grade 3

The number one ranked 2024 rookie is Jackson Holliday. He is on the Baltimore Orioles and he plays shortstop and second base. He is only 20 years old and bats lefty. After high school he played baseball at Oklahoma State University.

Next we have Jackson Chourio he is on the Milwaukee Brewers. He is from Venezuela, a country in South America. He is 19 years old, plays outfield and bats righty.

The third ranked prospect is Paul Skenes. He is on the Pittsburgh Pirates. He is a pitcher and is 21 years old. He won a college world series in 2023 with LSU. Paul Skenes is a right handed pitcher who can throw the ball over 100 miles per hour!

The fourth ranked prospect is Junior Camirero who is from the Dominican Republic. He is on the Tampa Bay Rays and plays both third base and shortstop. He is 20 years old.

The fifth prospect is Evan Carter. He attended Duke University in North Carolina. He plays on the Rangers as an outfielder. He is 21 years old.

These are the top five prospects for the MLB in 2024! Who do you think will have the best season this year? Visit this MLB website at www.Luca'sbaseballrookieprospects2024.com



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